

AREA IV COUGAR CHRONICLE

January 2004

YOUR ROAD MAP TO MILITARY PAY ISSUES

OFFICE HOURS

Main Finance (Bldg 1685)

0900-1600 M-W, F

In & Out Proc. (Bldg 1103)

0900-1600 M-W, F

Camp Carroll (Bldg T-138)

0900-1600 M-W, F

Cust. Svc. 765-8697/8504/8774

Camp Hialeah (Bldg T-251)

0900-1600 M-W, F

763-7303/7370

FINANCE NUMBERS

Battalion Commander	725-8838
Battalion CSM	723-7959
Detachment Commander	768-8449
Detachment Sergeant	768-7979
Customer Service	768-6944/7519
Travel	768-7658
Disbursing	768-6927
Separations	768-7022/7416

FINANCE BRIEFINGS

In-processing Briefings are held from 0900-1100 M-W & F at Bldg 1685 for all Army soldiers in Area IV. Soldiers should have 7 copies of all orders, along with 5 copies of the following: plane tickets, DA 31, DA 4187 (for hometown recruiting), any statements of non-availability, and TDY/DLA advances.

Out-processing Briefings are held from 1000-1100 every Tuesday at the Camp Henry Theater. Soldiers should bring 7 copies of orders, a working copy of DA 31 (leave form), and 1 copy of travel itinerary or port-call. Soldiers assigned to Cp Hialeah can visit their local office for out-processing. Soldiers **MUST ATTEND** an Out-processing Briefing NLT 30 days before their DEROS.

NOTE: Starting in January, Camp Carroll will conduct its own out-processing briefing every Monday at the CAC from 1000-1100.

FINANCE HOTLINE

The 175th FINCOM accepts military and civilian pay inquiries at Korea-wide DSN 725-CASH and via the 175th FINCOM website.

PAC REPRESENTATIVES

Each Battalion has a finance representative assigned to their PACs for the purposes of tracking performance and dealing with issues.

765-7235	307 th SIG BN 6 th ORD BN 23 rd CHEM BN
765-8697	16 th MEDLOG B Co, 524 th MI
768-7416	20 th SPT GRP 19th TSC
768-6125	728th MP BN
763-7303	4 th QM 837 th TRANS
768-7022	36 th SIG BN 168 th MED BN
768-6944	E Co, 160 th SOAR

HOT TOPICS

Family Subsistence Allowance is an entitlement payable to soldiers whose pay fall below the legal poverty limits, go online to www.dmdc.osd.mil/fssa to see if you qualify.

All military personnel in Korea are highly encouraged to complete the 2004 COLA survey available online at the FINCOM website (<http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>). The survey lasts until 9 February 2004. Every service member (even those who have been in Korea less than three months) can address costs that are specific to Korea (local vehicle purchase, calling cards, plane ticket for mid-tour leave, local cell phone, and postage costs to the U.S.) in the comments section.

Annually DoD conducts an Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Moving in Housing Allowance (MIHA) survey to collect utility and recurring maintenance expense data from soldiers who receive OHA. This data is used to set utility and MIHA allowances for soldiers in Korea. It is critical that soldiers that reside off post complete the survey as accurately as possible NLT 31 Jan 04. The survey can be accessed at <http://www.milsurveys.com/OHA>.

W2s for Active duty Soldiers are available on myPay (<https://mypay.dfas.mil>). It is imperative that Soldiers access the myPay website immediately to ensure they can gain access to their account or to request a new PIN # via the website if they cannot gain access. Please see your S1 if you have any trouble gaining access to myPay. Soldiers who are in a combat zone are the only Soldiers who will have a hard-copy delivered to their units.

All soldiers are now entitled to BAH during their PCS moves from one duty station to another, even if they have no dependents. The rule was retroactive to 1 January 2003, so stop by your local finance office today to see if you qualified and get paid!